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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Arkansas State Hospital records
Date [inclusive]	1873-1980
Extent	2.32 Cubic feet 4 boxes, 6 reels microfilm
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Arkansas Lunatic Asylum was established by the Arkansas General Assembly in 1873. In 1905, the name changed to Arkansas State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, then to Arkansas State Hospital in 1933. A facility known as the State Hospital still exists today, but what was historically encompassed by the "State Hospital" is now part of the Division of Behavioral Health Services of the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Today, the Arkansas State Hospital is the only state owned and operated facility for the treatment of mental illness in Arkansas. The structure, function, and name of this facility have changed with the development of new technology and more progressive views for treating individuals suffering from mental illness, epilepsy, birth defects, learning disabilities, and the effects of old age.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains records of the Arkansas State Hospital, including reports, business records, minutes, and publications.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 04/12/2012

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Unknown.

Legislation

Collection Inventory

Legislation	
Act LXVI of 1873, establishing the Arkansas State Lunatic Asylum	Reel MG05659
Reports	
Annual reports	
	Reel
1883	MG05659, MG03182
	Box
1883 (copy 2)	4
	Reel
1884	MG05659
1886	
1887	
1888	

Biennial reports

1889

1890

Biennial reports

1890-1892

1892-1894

1894-1896

1896-1898

1898-1900

1901-1902

1903-1904

1905-1906

Box

1910-1912

1

1912-1914

Box

Biennial reports

1912-1914 (18 copies)

4

1935-1936

1937-1938

1939-1940

1940-1942

Box

1942-1944

1

1949-1950

1952-1954

Reel

1954-1956

MG05660

1956-1958

1958-1960

1960-1962

1962-1964

Biennial reports, Board of Charitable Institutions

1964-1966

1966-1968

1968-1970

1970-1972

1972-1974

1974-1976

Biennial reports, Board of Charitable Institutions

Reel
MG05659

Reel

1910-1911

MG05659

1912-1913

1913-1915

Compilation of reports, 1937-1939

Box
1

Minutes

Minutes, Board of Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum, 1883-1888

Box
2

Minutes, Board of Trustees of State Charitable Institutions, 1891-1895

Box
2

Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks	
	Reel
1958 June-December	MG04485
1959 January-December	
1960 January-December	
1961 January-June	
1961 July-1964 June	
1964 July-1968 May	
	Reel
1968 July-1974 November	MG04486
	Box
1958-1964	3
Surveys and investigations	
Report, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Little Rock, Arkansas, December 26, 1928-January 6, 1929	Box 1
Five-year survey, Arkansas State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, 1931-1935	Box 1

Investigation, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, November 29, 1956, Vol...

Investigation, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, November 29, 1956, Volume I	Box 1
Investigation, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, December 13, 1956, Volume III	Box 1
Business records	
Engineering report, "Arkansas State Hospital, 1882-1960, dangerous obsolete"	Box 1
Request for bids for medical supplies for Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock; Arkansas State Penitentiary, Gould; Confederate Home, Sweet Home; Training School for Girls, Alexander; Negro Boys' Industrial School, Wrightsville; Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Booneville; Wildcat Mountain Branch Sanatorium, Fort Smith	Box 1
Proceedings of the convention of honorary boards and commissions held at the State Hospital Farm Colony, Benton, July 28, 1937	Box 1
Publications	
Rules and regulations, Arkansas State Lunatic Asylum, 1883	Reel MG03182
	Box
Rules and regulations, Arkansas State Lunatic Asylum, 1883 (copy 2)	4
"The problem of the State in the care of the Insane" by Adolf Meyer, M.D., reprint from American Journal of Insanity, Volume LXV, Number 4, April 1909	Box 1
"The Arkansas State Hospital: Its Concept and Function"	Box 1
"The Triangle," Arkansas State Hospital newsletter	

"The Triangle," Arkansas State Hospital newsletter

Box

1937 December

1

1938 January

1938 February

1938 March

1938 April

1938 May

1938 July

1938 August

1938 September

1938 October

1938 November

1957 March